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Energy crisis halts plan for new parking garage

by Sherry Posnick

A proposal for a new parking garage — estimated to cost \$3.7 million — has been shelved because of the increase in the price of gas and the drop in automobile usage, said Dale A. Fleming, executive director of administration. Fleming, who headed the defunct task force on parking, said the decision was made in view of the gas shortage and the energy crisis. "It was the most prudent thing to do," he said.

Although the new garage was never formally requested to the Chancellor's Office, the idea had been considered

following the recommendation of the task force.

An estimated 6,000 to 7,000 cars are now competing for 3,200 parking stalls. Most students who park in Lot 8 find the garage filled by 9:30 a.m. A study sponsored by the administration in 1973 indicated that one of every six commuting students are able to find spaces on campus.

According to Fleming, Vice President Konnilyn Feig met with her Cabinet and said the administration would not formally request the proposed parking garage to the Chancellor's Office because of the national

energy situation.

Feig could not be reached for comment.

Chief Jon Schorle of the university police said, "Proceeding further at this time with the parking garage has not been done because of many considerations. The energy crisis now is paramount."

The new parking garage would have been located in an area behind the Biological Science building which is now a softball field. The six-story building would have contained 900 stalls.

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San Francisco State University

Waiting list at dorms; no better off campus

by Glenn Ow and Kathy Mulady

Last-minute applications for on-campus housing, along with an increasing shortage of student accommodations in the area, have contributed to a crunch that Director of Housing Don Finlayson calls "worse than last year" but not an emergency situation.

Finlayson said students have to shoulder some of the blame for the latest frantic search for shelter, which resulted in a dormitory waiting list that had 380 names on it Aug. 29, opening day for the dorms.

"In August, I had 150 people apply to be on the waiting list," said Finlayson. "That's pretty late to be thinking about housing."

He emphasized a housing application "has nothing to do with acceptance at the university," but people still wait for an acceptance letter before they contact the dorms.

"People are still coming in," said Finlayson. "This morning (Wednesday) I saw three or four people in a half-hour's time."

The waiting list has shrunk by about 40 names since Aug. 29, as the Housing Office has begun the tedious task of finding living quarters, on and off campus, for students.

As of yesterday morning, the office had contacted all the men who had signed the list by July 31 and all the women who signed before July 17 to offer them dorm rooms as they became available. There are more women than men on the list.

SF State's dormitories — Mary Ward Hall, Merced Hall and Verducci Hall — can house 1,465 students this semester.

One reason Finlayson cited for the current popularity of dorm living was the financial aspect.

"Dorms are getting to be a pretty good deal," he said. It costs a student \$1,644 a year for a room (shared with one other person) and a full meal plan at the Dining Center.

A look at the listings for off-campus housing shows apartments and flats (both shared) going for \$125 a month and up. Throw in food and transportation, and dorm life looks relatively inexpensive.

Even those willing to pay well for off-campus quarters are finding limited listings.

Graduate student Julian Abernathy began his search two weeks ago.

"I did the same thing last year and found a place in the Mission District I really liked. The rents this year seem to be about \$20 more than last year," said Abernathy, who is waiting on a place right now. For the moment, he is living in a hotel near the Tenderloin.

The few vacancies that are appealing to students are snapped up quickly.

Elizabeth Hull advertised at SF State's Housing Office and at the UC Medical Center in San Francisco. She was willing to share her Sunset District flat with someone willing to pay \$128 a month.

The day after the listing was posted, the vacancy closed. She accepted the first person who applied — a student at the San Francisco Conserva-

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Photo by Jeff Belt

There's not much to choose from in off-campus vacancies this fall.

EOP chief's obstacles

by Leslie Guevarra

Inconsistent leadership, program accountability, a tight budget and not enough office space are the major problems confronting Henry Gardner, the new Educational Opportunity Program director.

The fifth EOP director since the program for educationally and financially disadvantaged students began in 1968, Gardner said he can overcome both present and past difficulties.

"I like to build things, improve on them and watch them grow," he said. Gardner has replaced former EOP director Angel Perea, who resigned last spring.

"I'm sure Perea had his reasons for leaving," said Provost Lawrence Ianni. "We had ours."

Asked if Perea was requested to resign, Ianni declined to comment. Perea himself could not be reached for comment.

Other sources said former directors were under constant scrutiny by the administration, and personnel problems were frequent among EOP staffers. They also said the periodic turnover of EOP heads resulted in an inadequate program.

Only one of Gardner's predecessors, former EOP director Jim Reed, held the position for more than two years. Nearly a year and a half elapsed before Reed was selected to head EOP in September 1973. The previous director, David West, resigned in May 1972.

Sources reported the selection process was stalled by an inability to find a suitable candidate who would accept the position. The gaps between new EOP leaders created more administrative disorder, they added.

"Our EOP program has been a lot better than the talk you hear," said Ianni. "It has not been a happy place internally, but the grumblings were

about human problems. The unhappiness was more personal than professional."

Others criticizing EOP complained that certain directors would use "authoritative" measures when faced by "uncooperative" staff members.

Asked last semester if he engaged in "house-cleaning" to alleviate personality conflicts with staff members, Perea told a campus publication that he tried to "get beyond personalities" in order to locate problems and decide what staff changes had to be made.

"In two years (as EOP director) I had to make some very difficult decisions, and I don't think directors before me did that," Perea was quoted.

"Functionally, the EOP output has been somewhat better than what people have been led to believe," Ianni said. "I don't see a need for revolutionary change in the program. It has a good foundation and we hope Gardner will improve program effectiveness."

Some sources blamed a lack of communication between EOP staffers and external units for program ineffectiveness. Rumored program mismanagement and abuses of EOP grants by recipients also detracted from the program's image.

Gardner stressed that one of his goals is to establish the credibility of EOP, making it accountable to university administration and students.

"We don't want this to seem like some 'hush-hush' operation," Gardner said. "The campus should know what we're doing and how we do it. We're going to have to do some bragging."

"People hear the negative things and they stick. The positive things few people know. We have a strong staff, the program has a firm foundation and our tutorial program is one of the best," he said.

EOP is a three fold program involving financial aid, counseling and tutoring services. Perea estimated EOP tu-



Photo by Al Stein

Henry Gardner has his hands full with his new job.

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Shutdown continues

The lights flicker out at the end of BART's tunnel

by Will Stockwin

BART officials and union leaders will go into tomorrow's negotiating session with both sides still adamant about their proposals, leaving little hope for a quick solution to the BART shutdown.

"BART is firm on a \$22 million wage package that will result in fare increases of 20-25%," said BART director of Maintenance and Engineering Richard Demko. "The union's proposal will boost fare increases to 50%."

The two main BART unions, United Public Employees Local 390 and Amalgamated Transit Local 1555 are pushing for an additional \$15 Cost Of Living Allowance package (COLA). Both unions have had COLA's in their contracts for the past six years.

BART says the unions' proposed COLA package is too expensive, citing Jarvis-Gann and increased operating costs.

Buses and freeways leading into the city have been jammed as workers and students scramble to find alternative means to get into the city. BART has chartered 40 buses to carry 1,800 riders on a first-come, first-served basis from Concord to the Trans-Bay Terminal beginning at 6 a.m.

The burden of picking up the remainder of the stranded commuters falls to AC Transit, Sam Trans and Muni.

AC Transit officials said they'd do everything they could to replace the missing trains but noted, "We normally operate 725 buses and there's no way we can get more than 850 in service."

Sam Trans officials said new bus routes would be improvised to accommodate BART riders from the penin-

sula who normally use the Daly City BART station.

Another point separating the unions and BART is the BART proposal for mandatory overtime to guarantee that 360 BART cars are in operation daily. Last Friday, shortly before the BART shutdown, there were only 140 cars in operation.

The confusion of issues and the ultimate closing of the system began when the union contract expired on June 30. In order to press their demands for a COLA and offset mandatory overtime demands, the unions began using the unofficial strike tactic of sickouts and operation slowdown by refusing overtime.

BART reacted to the slowdown by suspending those workers who refused overtime. Over 200 workers were suspended before the strike last Friday.

But the big question was: Is it or isn't it a strike?

"It's an out-and-out strike," said Demko.

Paul Varacalli, executive secretary of Local 390, said "BART panicked and over reacted" when they suspended the train operators. "It is our position that there has been no union slowdown, but we haven't been over working, either," he said.

Last Thursday, however, Varacalli said the unions have been involved in a "guerrilla" war with BART. We have been on strike for two months in case anybody hasn't noticed."

Varacalli also said that the public would get 24 hours notice in the event an official strike was called but the BART shutdown came without notice, leaving thousands of commuters standing on platforms waiting for trains that were no longer running.

But Friday's action did little to an-

swer the question of whether or not a strike was in effect.

The unions pointed the finger at BART, saying the 1650 workers had been "illegally locked out."

Defining a strike as "two or more employees refusing to perform all — or any part — of assigned duties," BART attorney William Detrich insisted a strike had already been in effect.

The unions maintained their position when workers, reporting for work on Tuesday, were turned back by BART police who were handing out copies of a letter stating the union was on strike.

The haggling over exactly what is going on has fostered even more confusion. Can the union members collect unemployment insurance while they are not working? If the action is ruled a strike, the workers are ineligible for unemployment benefits.

Local 390 does not have a strike fund. The Amalgamated Transit Local 1555 is awaiting sanction and financial aid from its international office.

Both unions are assuming they are eligible for unemployment. At their Labor Day picnic in Fremont, members were advised to file for benefits as a group tomorrow. BART says that it will challenge the claims.

Be it a strike or a lockout, the commuter is caught squarely in the middle. The California Highway Patrol in Oakland says the morning traffic is significantly heavier in the morning and officers at the Bay Bridge toll plaza report "abnormally heavy auto flow."

Unless there's a distinct change in either sides' position, it looks as if the strike — or shutdown — could drag out

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california report

Masked raid on campus station

Arca — In the tradition of "Animal House," four masked student assailants entered the KHSU radio newsroom at Humboldt State, tied up the two newscasters and read fabled news reports over the air.

The incident occurred at 9:30 p.m. during a Friday night, just as newscasters Roger Weigel and Grace Stephens prepared to begin their broadcast.

To add to the humiliation, the assailants — all of whom were male — tied, gagged and blindfolded Weigel with women's slips and panties. But the mysterious incident was soon solved.

It was two of Weigel's friends and their roommates who pulled the prank, in response to the newscaster's complaint of the banality of delivering Friday night broadcasts.

"I said that we should raid the place one night to liven things up and everyone laughed," said Rob Klinger, leader of the masked gang. "Everyone is always talking about pranks and no one ever does them."

UC lab violates safety policies

Berkeley — The UC Berkeley chemistry department has violated laboratory safety standards for students, an inspector for the California Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) has determined.

The question of safety standards in campus laboratories first came into the public limelight two weeks ago when Trudi Meadows, a UC Berkeley student, complained to the campus Student Advocate's Office that an experiment exposed students to hydrazine sulfate, a known carcinogen.

The chemistry department said the hazards were exaggerated and the lab procedures are safe.

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they (students) are not facing any significant danger if they follow the precautions we recommend," said Professor William Jolley, Meadows' instructor.

Jolley admitted students weren't told that hydrazine sulfate is a carcinogen, but he downplayed the significance of the exposures, saying, "There are at least 50 other things they're exposed to."

The safety inspector, John McGuire, said the association will continue to investigate laboratory procedures for up to six months, withholding detailed findings until the inspection is complete.

"But it's safe to say that there have been violations," McGuire said.

Alleged forgery by CARP group

Stanford — A Stanford University student's signature was allegedly forged by members of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) last month in an attempt to gain recognition as a student organization on that campus, according to Tom Massey, director of student activities.

In reality, he said, no university students have been willing to take responsibility for, or participate in, this group, an offspring of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church.

Both college students and non-students comprise the membership of CARP, which is active on more than 20 campuses across the U.S.

After CARP submitted a petition of solicited student signatures for a festival, Massey contacted the five students on the list and found that "two of the five had not said they were willing to form an organization."

The student whose name was listed

as coordinator brought in a written statement that said he did not sign the form in that space.

"They forged his signature," said Massey.

CARP has made regular appearances at SF State during the past few years, making their presence most recognizable by selling flowers to students in the name of the "divine principle" proclaimed by Moon in the organization's literature.

Cupcake uprise

Pomona — The frequently mocked Gay Students Union at California State Polytechnic University has once again fallen prey to an anti-gay attack.

This time, the opposition was armed with cupcakes.

Cliff Camp, a senior horticulture major at Cal Poly, was placed on probation and fined \$1.80 for throwing a tray of cupcakes at two members of the union.

He also admitted throwing a plate of cookies at them earlier the same day.

Although the incident fell short of a massacre, it did manage to interrupt an otherwise peaceful bake sale sponsored by the organization.

Stephen Whaley, the administrative officer in charge of the case, said he treated it the same as any student disciplinary action — despite its unusual nature.

Whaley notified Camp, in writing, of the charges against him: obstruction or disruption of a campus function, non-accidental damage to property of a campus member and abusive behavior toward another student.

"If I wasn't on probation, I'd probably do it again," said Camp. "It's against my principles for that kind of junk to go on campus."

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Out-of-court settlement sought for Chang lawsuit

The attorney for the family of Jenny Low Chang is seeking an out-of-court settlement of the \$1 million lawsuit against the CSUC Board of Trustees and the university police department.

Chang, a 19-year-old SF State honor student, was found nude and covered with blood in the fourth floor faculty room of the J. Paul Leonard Library Sept. 11, 1977. Police said she had been beaten, stabbed and sexually molested. The crime, the only

homicide in SF State history, remains unsolved.

Chang's family, convinced the library security was inadequate at the time of Chang's murder, filed the "wrongful death" suit May 1978 naming the state, the trustees and the university police.

According to the suit, the defendants failed to provide adequate security on campus. Faulty locks, alarms and lighting were cited. It also said the university did not supervise

the campus police or library guards in preventing crimes, or control the circulation of library keys and identification cards allowing access to the room where Chang's body was found.

The original claim was filed Sept. 29, 1977 and has been bogged down in court ever since.

Frederick Maguire, the Chang family attorney, not sounding optimistic, said he and the defendants are trying to "compromise on a figure."

this week

friday, 9/7

The Pilipino American Collegiate Endeavor (PACE) meets at 2 p.m. in Student Union B112-113. Everyone is invited.

monday, 9/10

Cooperative Education Workshop. Information on paid and unpaid intern positions in private businesses, government and non-profit organizations. Academic credit can also be earned with these work/learn experiences. N-Adm. 452, 2 p.m.

It's Your Day. Reception for faculty advisors, AS officers and student leaders to get to know each other. Barbary Coast from 2 to 4 p.m.

tuesday, 9/11

Need financial assistance? Come to the Job Fair in the Barbary Coast and see if you qualify for a work/study job. Financial aid counselors will be available to answer questions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

wednesday, 9/12

The Student Activities Office will sponsor a workshop for student organizations interested in holding fund-raisers. The workshop will also include other fiscal matters such as how to make budgetary requests. Interested students can attend the meeting held in the Student Union sub-basement Conference Rooms A-E at 3 p.m.

thursday, 9/13

"An Unmarried Woman" will be shown at the Barbary Coast at 4 and 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 with a student I.D. and \$1.50 without. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Center.

anytime

The Huichol Art Exhibit will continue until October 15 on the first floor of the J. Paul Leonard Library. Yarn paintings, textiles and tapestries of the Huichol Indians from northern Mexico are on display during regular library hours. Sponsored by La Raza Studies and the Galeria Museo of the Mission Cultural Center.



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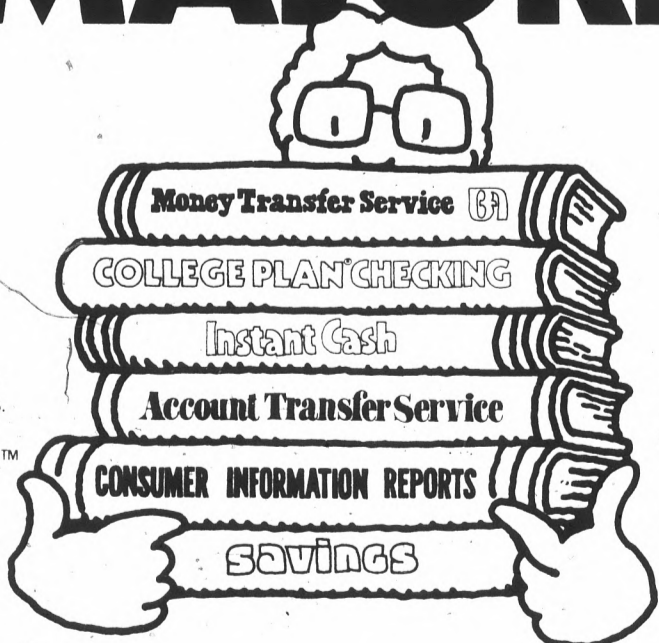
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insight

Gay realtor dark horse in mayor's race

by K.A. Linsley

Gay realtor David Scott is presenting himself as an alternative to entrenched city politicians, Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Supervisor Quentin Kopp (District 10), in the fall campaign for mayor.

Scott's dark-horse candidacy faces two obstacles. As a gay man, he faces a large non-gay voting bloc.

He also has a problem with recognition. Kopp and Feinstein are familiar faces on the city scene, while Scott is little-known to the public.

But Scott is no stranger to city hall. Until last June, when he announced his intention to run for mayor, Scott was president of the Board of Permit Appeals. Feinstein fired him after his political ambitions became known. Scott is now challenging the mayor's action in court.

Rumors about other possible candidates kept circulating throughout the summer.

On Aug. 30, former Sheriff Richard Hongisto announced he would not run for mayor or supervisor, although he had previously considered it.

District Six Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver couldn't decide whether she wanted to run for mayor or district attorney, so in June she hired Network Associates, Inc., to conduct a telephone poll to test her chances of winning in both races.

She chose to challenge District Attorney Joseph Freitas after her poll showed her leading that race with 23 percent, compared to Freitas' 12 percent.

The mayor's race results showed Feinstein leading with 33.6 percent, Silver had 21.7 percent and Kopp had 12.8 percent.

The only other possible candidate, former Mayor Joseph Alioto, is not likely to run either, because his wife, Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, has said she will stay in Boston. Also, many Alioto supporters have now committed themselves to other candidates.

With the deadline to file for the race coming tomorrow on Sept. 7, the three declared candidates have begun to make their moves.

Kopp opened two campaign offices over the Labor Day weekend. Scott mailed out over 100,000 campaign brochures about three weeks ago. Feinstein's campaign headquarters is open also, and she has been taking advantage of her position as incumbent for months: riding Muni buses, securing a "friendship" agreement with Shanghai and crowning a farmer's daughter with a wreath of garlic at the Farmer's Market.

Scott, as the underdog, is making much more noise than his two opponents. The brochures he sent out feature a drawing of Feinstein and Kopp posing arm-in-arm as Tweedledee and Tweedledum. He claims that his two opponents do not really have any differences.

"The mayor and Kopp have voted

very similarly," he said, adding that between them they have 18 years of experience in San Francisco politics.

Publicly, Feinstein ignores Scott, giving the image that she does not consider him a major candidate.

A spokesman at her office claims Feinstein has not seen the Tweedledee and Tweedledum brochures.

Kopp, however, did see them.

"I found them amusing," he said.

But he added that there are no similarities between himself and Feinstein.

"She's always voting for and introducing new taxes and higher taxes," he said. "I'm always voting for lower taxes."

"That doesn't even deserve a reply," said Mel Wax, Mayor Feinstein's press secretary. "If you look at the record, you'll see that isn't true."

In addition to mailing brochures, Scott said he is conducting a "wide-ranging campaign," including debates with the other candidates and speeches to neighborhood, labor and environmental groups. Feinstein and Kopp are conducting similar campaigns.

No matter what the campaign strategy, this race seems to be more of an image race than an issues race. Feinstein has stopped wearing her infamous bow. Kopp, well known for his conservative style of dress, recently got some new three-piece suits. Meanwhile, Scott, as San Francisco's first gay mayoral candidate, is trying to downplay the images and concentrate on the issues.

In fact, Scott is the only candidate to take a public stand on the anti-high-rise initiative. He is for it.

Kopp does say that he "takes a housing-first policy," while "oes of the initiative claim that if it passes, buildings will go out instead of up, occupying more precious housing space. Those opposed to the initiative also say that it will cause builders to build right up to the 260-foot limit, which means that eventually all the new downtown buildings will be the same height, making for a very dull skyline."

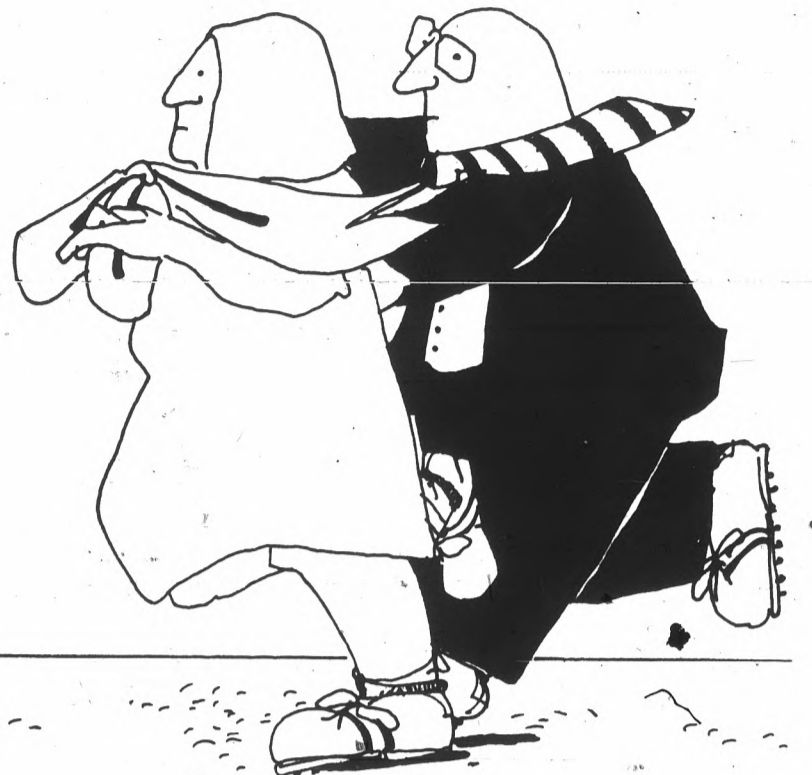
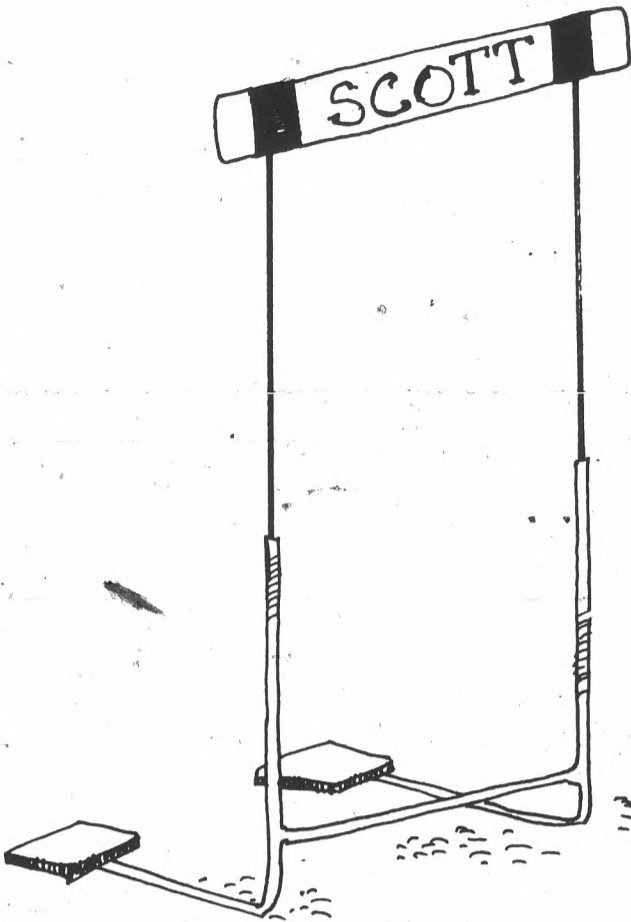
Scott claims this won't happen because there are "bonuses in the height limit initiative to make buildings shorter."

Meanwhile, the image makers continue to try and present ever clearer images.

One image that is becoming more and more familiar is that of a Feinstein who has reached her peak and has nowhere to go but down. However, her position as incumbent gives her a head start against her other two opponents.

But while those who think Feinstein has reached her peak are saying the race will boil down to one between Kopp and Scott, others are saying that Kopp has also reached his peak. Many feel there simply aren't enough voters who will vote for a gay candidate.

The predictions run rampant, as usual, but nobody will really know who will win the election until after the votes are counted.



Tenants, landlords face off

by Ruth Findley

San Francisco landlords and tenants are squaring off for a fight that could determine the shape of the housing market for years to come.

Although several major political figures have come out in support of November's rent control initiative, Proposition R, Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Quentin Kopp, the primary candidates for mayor, have yet to take a stand on this important issue.

Supervisors Carol Ruth Silver and Harry Britt, Sheriff Eugene Brown and Rep. Phillip Burton, D-SF are among those in support of Proposition R. Phoenix has found no visible political support for the opposition yet.

The opposition to the grassroots rent control movement is the well-heeled and highly organized San Franciscans for Sensible Housing Policy. The coalition of landlords, apartment management companies, construction industry people, savings and loans establishments and real estate brokers is based in the public relations firm Solem and Associates in the heart of the financial district.

Proposition R calls for — among other things — the annual registration of all rental units in the city at a \$5 fee shared by landlords and tenants. An elected, 11-member Rental Housing Board, given the same basic powers exercised by the mayor's appointed five-member board, will approve rent increases exceeding a "base rent."

According to the general provisions of Proposition R the "base rent" for computing future increases "is the rent in effect on Nov. 1, 1978, increased by a figure related to the Consumer Price Index Increase since that date."

Those in favor of this November's Proposition R say a stiff new rent control law is the last hope to put a lid on soaring rents that have sent the city's 487,000 renters (approximately 75 percent of the population) scrambling for cover.

Their opponents say a tough rent control law will bring on the scenario which tenant activists dread the most: deterioration of existing housing, a shrinking housing market and an end to new construction.

These problems already exist in many parts of the city. As the housing market shrinks and rents soar, families, seniors and low-income citizens are forced out of their homes and the city.

Marion Webb, a 76 year old SF resident of 29 years believes Proposition R is her only hope. "Five years ago my rent was \$110, and I could manage,"

she said in a public statement, "but they've raised it eight times since then! First this landlord, then that one. Now my rent is \$305 a month. Almost three times as much! How can I live? My checks aren't that big. I can't move. There's nowhere to move. I have to help pass this initiative. I can't afford not to."

The problem is so severe Mayor Feinstein and the Board of Supervisors initiated an emergency 15 month ordinance last June in an attempt to stabilize the shrinking housing market and soaring rents.

Opponents to R support the mayor's 15-month plan as a sensible solution. The limited guidelines for rental increases and the appointed five-member Stabilization and Arbitration

Board threaten landlords' profits and freedoms far less than the more stringent rent control initiative.

According to opponents' information sheet, "... (with) the mountains of complicated regulations and limitations contained in this proposed law, owners of apartments and other rental property will find the business of providing housing so cumbersome and unattractive they will pull out of the housing market altogether."

This is simply not so, say proponents of R. They claim New York's disastrous housing problems were caused by speculation of property. Buildings allegedly changed hands over and over on paper, with no improvements made, until they decayed and were abandoned.

According to Robert Devries, an author of the initiative, "Landlords are assured of a 'fair and reasonable return on investment' by the initiative."

However, in the wake of Berkeley's rent control controversy, the California Supreme Court has ruled that landlords must make a fair profit, but has not yet defined what "fair" is. The elected Rental Housing Board would determine what a fair profit is until the court defines it.

The Rent Control initiative also puts forth guidelines to regulate condominium conversion throughout the city, which often is considered "just cause" for the eviction of tenants.

Under the current guidelines of the emergency ordinance, 40 percent of a building's tenants are required to commit to buy their apartments in order to convert the building to a condominium. Up to 1,000 such conversions

are permitted annually. Tenants who do not wish to buy in, may be evicted.

Proposition R requires 80 percent committal of tenants with a limit of 700 conversions per year. Tenants must commit 15 months rent toward the purchase of their apartments and those who wish to continue to rent can not be evicted. The Rental Housing Board would have to approve the conversion.

Also under the current guidelines, landlords are freed of rent control when a tenant vacates his apartment. The landlord may raise the rent seven percent to 19 percent for current tenants.

Under the Rent Control initiative there would be no de-control of the rent. Controls apply to the rental unit, not to individual tenants. Proponents of R claim the mayor's de-control guideline encourages evictions and higher rents. A landlord is allowed to raise the rent 3.3 percent under R before he must seek the approval of the Rental Housing Board.

Proposition R covers vast areas of the housing market. However, in order to encourage building of new housing, its authors have left new construction exempt from rent controls.

San Franciscans for Sensible Housing Policy claim Prop R's Rental Housing Board is an "autocratic monster" with ungoverned powers to "take action against landlords for no reason at all," according to Necarsulmer.

Devries says he is confident of a victory this November. "The people were fooled last year, but they won't be fooled again."

Labor woes for BART

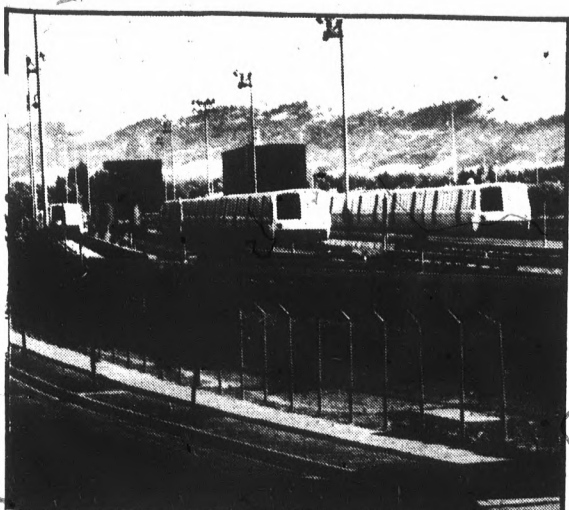
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for weeks. The only thing certain is that when BART does come back into operation, the commuters will continue to pick up the check.

Neither side is willing to predict what — if anything — will come out of tomorrow's meeting, but the parties are now so far apart that any real progress is doubtful.

"This emphasis by BART on the COLA is really just a smokescreen," said Varacalli. "What they really want is to restrain the unions. Demko comes from TWA where he was used to dealing with weak unions, and he's not prepared to negotiate with us."

"That's just ridiculous," said Demko. "At TWA we dealt with the machinists' union, who are not regarded as weak by anyone. The issue is money, and \$22 million is the bottom line on what we're offering."



Concord trains lie dormant.

Photo by Doug Menuez



Another long BART waiting game.

Photo by Doug Menuez

Problem center mob gives fire-eater cold reception

by Terry Vau Dell

The one thing an entertainer dreads is a hostile audience. After attempting to enliven the longer-than-usual lines into the campus Problem Center last week, fire-eater Reed Rahlmann may be reassessing his professional goals.

Rahlmann, who was schooled as a clown under the Ringling Brothers' big top, paced among the thousands of listless students awaiting their chance to juggle unworkable class schedules. The young comic cracked jokes, pulled assorted tricks and gags from a rumpled bag and not only swallowed burning torches but once thrust one down his trousers.

His efforts were generally greeted with stony stares from the tired links in the human chain that wound its way across the campus enroute to the makeshift Problem Center in the main gymnasium.

"Man," Rahlmann said, "that's a tough crowd." The 23-year-old SF

State student said he finds "semi-steady" work at a nearby improvisational comedy workshop and honed his art "in some pretty weird joints."

But the Problem Center, the campus's answer to commute hour on the Pasadena Freeway, is a tough proving ground even for an experienced clown.

The long lines stemmed partly from a new registration process which enrolls students directly into classes, virtually eliminating schedule changes on the first day of class.

Admissions office spokesmen said the problem Thursday was compounded by an estimated 200 new full-time students who were vying for scarce seats and forcing classes to close earlier than predicted.

The crunch was even more evident once students got inside the gym Thursday. There, they were met with fresh lines and frantic conditions. Unlike past years, business and science department tables were not the only

ones doing brisk business.

Back outside, Rahlmann wandered between the lines, trying to shout over the blare of two rock bands and with two baggy suited clowns hired by the Associated Students compete for the attention of the captive audience.

Firing up yet another wooden torch, he swallowed it with a flourish. Puffs of smoke issued from his nostrils.

Between gags, the wiry curly-haired comic sought permission to stick a needle through his nose.

Although one woman suggested another location for the needle, Rahlmann completed the operation successfully — if not painfully — to scattered applause.

But when the smoke cleared, and the lines moved on the weary comic was left to ponder a quotation he has used before:

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Unquote of the week

"I really don't think it will be much of an issue, but if it is, well, I'll drive off that bridge when I come to it."

—Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) on the possibility of the ghost of Chappaquidick arising to dampen his 1980 presidential hopes.

NOTEBOOK

by Yvette DeAndreis

If the women's magazines these days are any indication, liberation is no longer a journey of the spirit; it is a trip to Harvard Business School with a stopover at the Nu-laid Day Care Center.

It seemed like only a few years ago that the women's movement promised a loosening of the constraints that kept men in corporate chains and women in apron strings.

Yet now Ms., *Glamour* and *Mademoiselle* are all busy boosting women up the ladder to success, a quest who value the women's movement questioned in its earlier days.

The thirst for success, which up until now has been regarded as a macho ideal on the order of bulging muscles and tough talk, seems to have co-opted some of the original aims of the women's movement. The sense of self has given way to a sense of what is marketable in a business world almost overwhelmingly governed by men.

So we seem to be back to square one, as if more than 200 years haven't passed since the pilgrims and their iron-clad work ethic perverted everybody's sense of fun.

This is quite a predicament for a people who profess to be free of all hangups in their search for happiness.

The new pressure for women to develop ulcers and heart failure for the sake of a potential promotion is stranger still. Just what is all this stress supposed to be liberating women from? Or for?

The success formulas and the priority lists and the two-career relationship trips miss the point if their object is to cut the societal ropes that constrain women.

If men have been having such a terrific time of it all these years, then why do so many still suffer from an emotional constipation that affords scant relief from the burden of Making It?

Women, after years of being portrayed as loving, dull, and uninterested, are now portrayed on billboards and in glossy magazines as heartless, aggressive and on-the-run. Their anti-perspirants must last three days.

Thus the myth has changed from Little Women to the Superwoman, who can be a loving mother, excellent wife, and still find the time to be an internationally famous fashion designer. No woman, or man, could keep such a schedule and so successfully balance three lives, with the possible exception of Sybil.

Is this what women really want?

But now even the most gung-ho of women's mags have begun to issue warnings against the psychic pitfalls of putting a career on a pedestal.

Glamour even asked if the career means to women today what marriage meant to her mother; a safe passage to self-contentment. And though this reflection may be a harbinger of a less frenzied career consciousness, the strongest media message today still is to shoot for success.

In the past 10 years women have proven en masse that they can be as imaginative, industrious and successful as any American businessman. They have also shown themselves to be as neurotic, prone to illness and ruthless.

In the end, the only success that we have yet to achieve is learning how to take ourselves less seriously. And that may well be the only goal worth shooting for.

THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST

by Kevin Bell

The *Phoenix* has finally received a copy of the questionnaire circulated to all government workers by President Carter's Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan in July. We realize that it's tired news and that it's foolhardy to expect the American people to remember anything the government did nearly two months ago, but we print the full text below to illuminate the thinking of the men who plan our economy and dictate, to no small degree, our common destinies.

- 1) Your position with the government is
 - a) czar
 - b) cabinet member
 - c) pollster
 - d) leak
- 2) You were appointed by
 - a) Mr. President
 - b) Ham Jordan
 - c) a department head
 - d) God Himself
- 3) You have been with the government for

- a) Three years
- b) two months
- c) a day and one-half
- d) can't remember
- 4) Your salary is
 - a) \$50,000 and up
 - b) \$25,000 to \$50,000
 - c) under \$25,000
 - d) whatever you can skim off the top
- 5) Your typing skills are
 - a) excellent
 - b) adequate
 - c) lacking
 - d) slightly below Elizabeth Ray's
- 6) Your office is preoccupied with
 - a) inflation
 - b) energy
 - c) housing
 - d) re-election

C. Political Philosophy

- 1) You define yourself politically as a
 - a) conservative
 - b) liberal
 - c) nihilist
 - d) baptist
- 2) The State of the Union should be
 - a) secure
 - b) indivisible
 - c) indomitable
 - d) Georgia
- 3) Your political philosophy stems from reading
 - a) Adam Smith
 - b) John Stuart Mill
 - c) Thomas Jefferson
 - d) Franz Kafka
- 4) To prove your loyalty you are willing to
 - a) never publicly contradict the president
 - b) help the president's proposals through Congress
 - c) get out the vote
 - d) slice off your ear.

B. Personal habits

- 1) You are
 - a) single
 - b) married
 - c) divorced
 - d) can't remember
- 2) Your age is
 - a) over 70 (senators only)
 - b) 40-60
 - c) under 30
 - d) under 12
- 3) Your religious beliefs are
 - a) baptist (yes or no)
- 4) Have you ever been involved with
 - a) alcohol
 - b) marijuana
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 - d) Peter Bourne
- 5) At parties you like to
 - a) get to know your co-workers

opinion



A strike, or not a strike?

The current shutdown of BART is as confusing as it is frustrating to those commuters who were left standing on useless platforms on Friday and who woke up very early today to find alternative transportation to work.

Is it a strike, as BART officials claim? Or is it a BART-ordered lockout? This is the position of United Public Employees Local 390, which represents maintenance and clerical workers, and Amalgamated Transit Local 1555, representing train operators and station agents.

Either way, the 80,000 people who use the Bay Area Rapid Transit system regularly get the short end of the stick.

It is BART's position that the union's have, over the past few months, curtailed services by calling in sick en masse and deliberately slowing their production. BART closed everything down Friday after 53 train operators either called in sick, or were suspended for refusing to run cars repaired by non-union supervisors.

Comments made by Paul Varacalli, executive secretary of Local 390, seem to bear out BART's claims of a union slowdown.

Last Thursday Varacalli said that the unions have been in a "guerilla war with BART. We've been on strike for two months now — in case anyone hasn't noticed."

That many commuters cannot tell the difference between a working BART and a striking BART does not speak well for the system, which has been plagued with problems since its inception.

After the shutdown, however, Varacalli changed his tune, denying that BART had ever been on strike and that BART "panicked." When *Phoenix* contacted Varacalli he said, "It is our position that there has been no union slowdown, but we haven't been overworking either."

The reason for the union leader's about-face is obvious. Local

390 has no strike fund and Local 1555 has yet to receive permission to strike — and the promise of economic aid — from its international office. Since strikers are not entitled to unemployment compensation benefits, the union attempted to get the best of both worlds; close down BART and avoid financial hardship for its workers.

The conflicting point between BART and the unions is a proposed \$15 million Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). The unions have had it previously, but BART now claims it is too expensive. BART management is using the fact that BART workers are the highest paid transit workers in the country as an argument to do away with the COLA, but this argument is a red herring.

First, although BART workers are higher paid than their national counterparts, the cost of living in San Francisco is higher than almost anywhere else. Secondly, BART workers pay seven percent of their salaries into a pension fund, when, in all other areas, the transit system foots the entire bill. And thirdly, in an era of 13 percent inflation (the rate for necessities is even higher), a COLA is as important to American workers as is the right to strike.

Regardless of the outcome of tomorrow's meeting between BART and the unions, both sides agree that BART fares, once the service is back in operation, will be increased: BART is standing firm on a \$22 million package with no COLA that will result in a 20-25% fare increase. The union package will increase fares by 50%, according to BART Director of Maintenance and Engineering Richard Demko.

Since neither side shows any sign of compromise, San Franciscans can look forward to a long period without BART service and large fare increases once BART starts up again. The only question remaining is, how much?

Proposed campus lot another white elephant?

by Chris Donnelly

Parking, at least from the perspective of one news-starved campus publication, is a hot contemporary controversy. Although no shootings or knifings have yet been reported in disputes over individual spaces, few people will suggest there is no problem in how students, staff and faculty arrive at this new campus — or what is to be done with the various tools of transportation once they arrive.

One recently proposed, but currently dead solution is the construction of a multi-story, 900-space parking garage. The flaws of such a plan are obvious to any right-thinking, or even clear-headed person. Assuming those using the new lot are conscientious and dedicated energy savers, and pool up three to each vehicle (a very large assumption), the lot will serve perhaps 10 percent of the total population of SF State. The true percentage would more likely be about one-half that.

This marginal benefit to us all would represent the fruits of a \$3.7 million outlay of funds (estimated). For those who are mathematically inclined, this breaks down to a \$4,111.11 initial investment for each of the 900 parking spaces. This excludes cost overruns — likely to be high in these inflationary times — and interest fees as yet out of the picture.

Of course, this is only the beginning. After the lot is opened, there would be a price to be paid for staffing and maintaining it. The revenues from parking fees would take at very least a

decade, maybe forever, to pay off this monument to the automobile. Remember the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges, which were supposed to be free-to-drivers after the tolls paid off the investments? Remember the 50 cent tolls for these bridges? Remember the 25 cent fee for our very own parking garage?

Lastly, in a space-starved campus, is there an absolute necessity for new non-instructional facilities like parking lots? The softball field considered in the hopefully dead proposal would be an irreplaceable loss.

The alternatives to new construction should be viewed from the perspective, not simply of a parking problem, but one of transportation. If other solutions seem long-term, remember it takes three or more years from a passed proposal of a garage to the finished product.

When the addition of new parking spaces poses serious objections, an obvious option is to decrease automobile use. Gasoline is becoming scarce, and the general worldwide shortage of fossil fuels makes energy-efficient transportation not just economical, but necessary.

But how to coax people out of their automobiles, and onto bicycles, motorcycles and streetcars? Today, the crowded conditions on Muni vehicles often drive people into their cars.

But subsidizing Fast Passes, coupled with improved service and a vigorous public relations campaign, a substantial amount of students could be lured out of their cars and onto the buses.

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tory of Music.
"But I got about 50 more calls, mostly from students, before I finally disconnected my phone," said Hull.

Finlayson said, "There's a decreasing number of available units for our kind of use. This is getting to be a fairly exclusive community. The area is pretty nice ... it's also pretty expensive."

"Landlords can afford to be damn fussy," he said, noting that when given the choice between renting to four students or to a "nice, quiet, long-term couple," a landlord's pick would obviously be the latter.

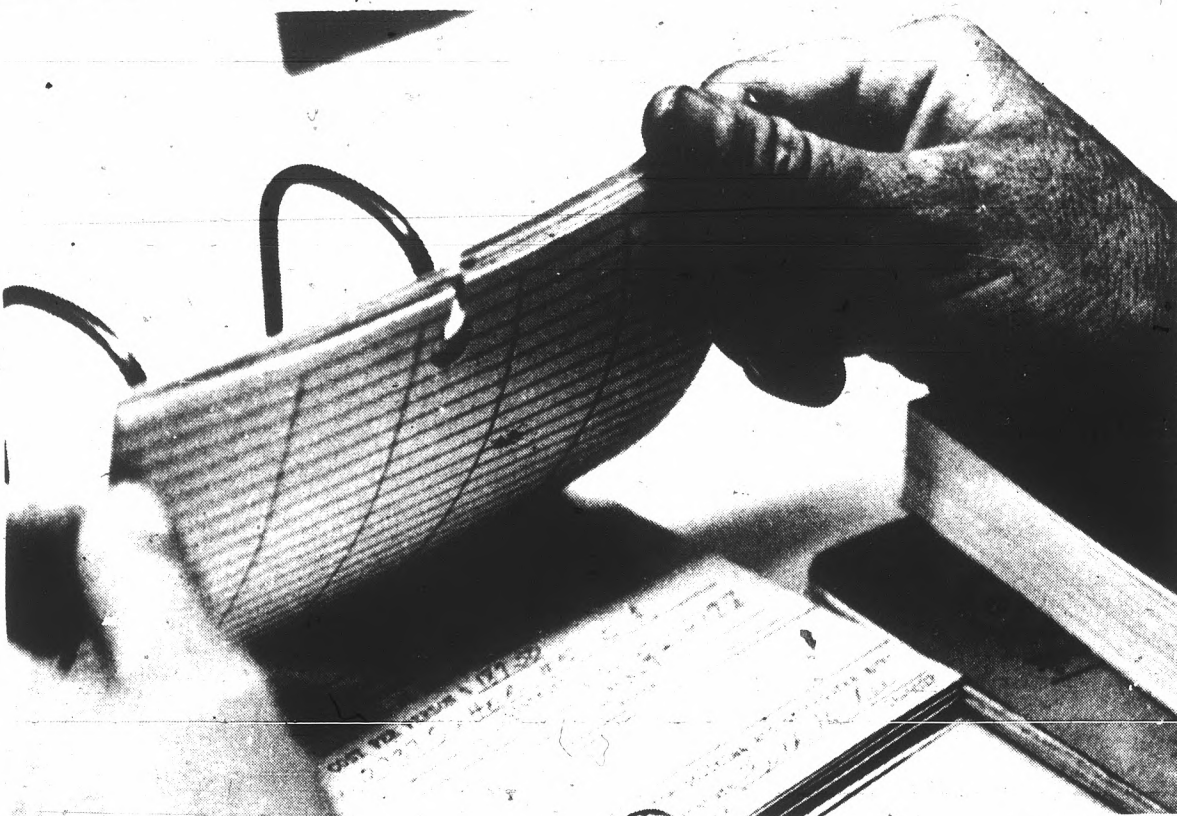
"It's good business sense," said Finlayson, reasoning that no matter how good a tenant the student may be, he will still be renting on a short-term basis.

"Now that landlords can't raise rents, they're looking for security," Finlayson said.

Even the housing contacts Finlayson has relied on in the past can offer only limited relief.

"Take the Country Club Apartments (in Daly City) — they've always been good, always had vacancies," said Finlayson. "We've always been able to call them a week or 10 days before school starts and get help. They've been a boon to us, because they use semester leases for students."

"But now, they're in the same bind as I am — they're full."



Flipping through the rental pages.

Rental agents for the Country Club Apartments said they have a waiting list for the first time this semester.

Last year at this time, they had about 100 vacancies. This year, all 3,000 units, ranging from \$230 to \$420 a month, had been rented by last week. A few vacancies are expected to

appear during the next few weeks, but not enough to accommodate everyone on their list.

Finlayson said all the places he normally calls, including the YMCA, tell him they're full as well.

Students who would like to live in the dorms next semester should apply

before Dec. 1, Finlayson said.

As for next fall, he recommended that students apply before July 1. "If they do that, they've got a pretty good chance of getting in," he said.

Otherwise, it's the waiting game.

And right now, it's the only game in town.

—parking

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The decision to shelve the proposed parking lot reflects a change in Feig's attitude for a cause she once championed. In an interview one year ago she told *Phoenix*, "We were desperate (for a new parking garage) five years ago. It's time to get going. Everybody's afraid of making a decision. Frankly, I've had it."

The increase in parking fees has recently added to the hardship of students who park on campus. Those parking in Lot 8, near Verducci Hall, must pay 50 cents to park instead of 25 cents, last semester's rate. Faculty and staff parking in the other 10 lots around campus must now pay \$4 a month, up from \$3.33 last semester.

The California State University and Colleges (CSUC) Board of Trustees voted in favor of the increase last year, despite opposition from the Student President's Association.

Part of the increase will go towards

offsetting energy costs, increased maintenance and to begin payment on construction bonds. The Trustees issued \$7 million in such bonds to build parking garages. "Some of the more metropolitan areas had garages financed through that bond program," said Fleming.

John Hillyard, chief of auxiliary business for the Chancellor's Office, said most students within the CSUC system will not be affected drastically by the raised fees because permit parking increased much less than entry parking.

"I estimate that 75 percent of students, faculty and staff pay by permit and not by entry," said Hillyard. "Unfortunately, this is not the case at SF State, where there are 3,200 entry stalls compared to 1,000 permits."

All 19 campuses in the CSUC system pool revenue collected from parking fees. The parking program is self-supporting with no funds from tax dollars.

Hillyard said the pooling of funds has resulted in lower costs for individual colleges. Other campuses are financing the garage at SF State, he said.

"Parking lots at SF State and San Jose State are among the most expensive in the system to maintain," said Hillyard. "If the new garage were approved, SF State parking would be subsidized even more."

Hillyard also said SF State would not be able to support its parking lot only on the fees charged. "If you had to pay for the garage without CSUC funds, you would have to charge more money," he said.

But simple mathematics shows this may not be true.

Hillyard said from July 1977 to

June 1978, SF State gave its total amount of revenue collected from parking fees — \$223,000 — to the CSUC fund. The money SF State received from this fund in return for operating and maintenance costs was only \$147,000.

Hillyard accounted for the difference of the sums as going toward the payment of the debt incurred by the CSUC system for the building of existing parking facilities. "Every campus at some point contributed to this debt," he said.

In addition to the deficit, part of the money pays for liability insurance and the remodeling and construction of new and existing facilities in the CSUC system.

In spite of the difference in the amount of money contributed by SF State to the amount of money received by SF State, there is no person or office that can account for the debt incurred or how much is owed. This is because all the CSUC campus garages were financed jointly.

"We view it from a legal standpoint as a whole, and colleges are committed to paying the debt owed by the whole system," said Hillyard.

Parking reaction

How do students at SF State feel about the parking situation? Bob Franklin is "pissed off," even though he was lucky in finding a space in Park Merced yesterday.

"I think they should take a grass area, or an empty space, and make another parking lot," he said. "It's a real hassle to park in Park Merced. The people that live here don't like it either."

Richard Kung, a 22-year-old junior, schedules his classes according to parking availability on the street. "I never have a problem. I use the lot as a last resort," he said.

Stella Hormozcharbakhshi, 22, is in her fourth year at SF State. "The parking situation is terrible, it couldn't be worse," she said. She described the parking garage as "expensive, not convenient, too crowded and it couldn't get much worse."

Erik Reimeck has just found out that SF State has a parking lot, although he is starting his second semester. "It was terrible. I got a lot of tickets my first semester taking chances by parking in Park Merced," he said. "I got 10 or 15 tickets. It was really expensive."

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—eop

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tors served more than 200 students weekly last year.

Among the legacies left to Gardner by the former director is a small budget.

"Money's tight," said Gardner. "We'll just be able to squeak through (the fiscal year), but the pressure is up to work within the budget."

Gardner declined to disclose the exact figure, but approximately \$230,000 was allotted for EOP operations. About 400 students enrolled in EOP this fall.

Stringent budgets are not new to the program. In 1970 \$216,000 was slated to cover EOP services for about 1,100 students. The following year, then-Governor Ronald Reagan ordered a 50 percent slash in the proposed budget for statewide EOP programs. The cut dropped SF State's EOP funds from \$150,000 to \$28,000, but still aided about 1,000 students.

IBM partially bailed out statewide EOP programs two months later by offering a \$44,000 grant that generated \$220,000 for tutorial services. Under a provision of the federal government's College Work-Study Program, IBM's figures were matched 4-1, adding the \$176,000 to make the \$220,000 total.

SF State's program went through a major space reshuffling last spring. Central offices housing the director and the counseling staff are now on

the fourth floor of the New Administration building.

Gardner and nine other persons share the five offices in the new location. Four chairs, a large meeting table and a desk were crammed into Gardner's office at the time of his interview.

About 30 tutors and five other EOP staffers are expected to serve some 400 students this year in the three offices that were EOP headquarters in

"People hear negative things and they stick."

The Old Administration building. One of the rooms was used as a "gang-office" by at least five staff members.

"We'd like to see everybody in a central unit, it makes organization easier," said Gardner. "But there isn't that much space or privacy available."

Gardner said he was told of plans to move the tutorial department to the fourth floor of the library in order to localize the program services.

"I don't know if that's official," he said.

Gardner, who has an Ed.D in High-

er Education Administration, was selected from more than 200 applicants for EOP director. Before taking on this position in August Gardner was the director of the Student Development Center, a program similar to EOP, at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

"Gardner comes well recommended," said Ianni. "His background is impeccable. He knows human relations and has worked with EOP-type programs. He has a total balance of strengths."

"The ability to communicate and relate to all people is my main asset," said Gardner. "People might not like me, but they'll respect me and my ability to work with them. My weakness is my 'workaholic' tendency."

EOP staffers said they enjoyed working with Gardner.

"He's a strong individual," said Alberto Olivares, an EOP counseling trainee and former student of that program. "Everybody here is in tune with the students' needs and what has to be done."

"What I want to emphasize to the staff is that the sum of all the individual parts equals the whole," said Gardner.

Rash of purse ripoffs

During the first-week frenzy of the semester, unprotected bookbags and purses are a prime target for rip-offs.

Campus police have received six reports of wallet and purse thefts in the last two days in areas ranging from the New Administration building and HLL building to the book store and dorms, according to Public Safety Chief Jon Schorle.

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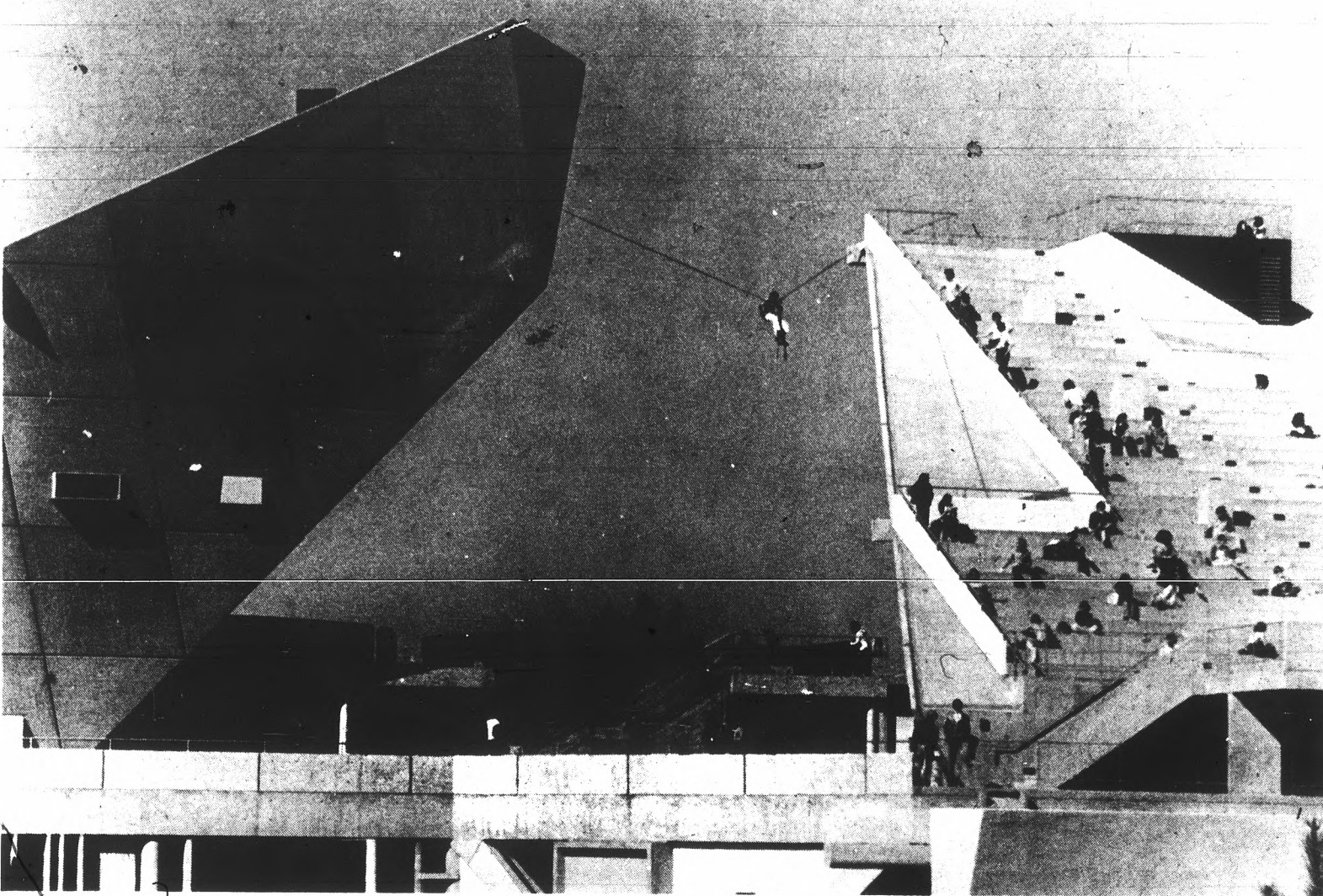
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Correction

Due to a typo in last week's *Phoenix*, Richard Axen was incorrectly given the title of Chairman of the Academic Senate. It should have read he was a past chairman of the Senate.

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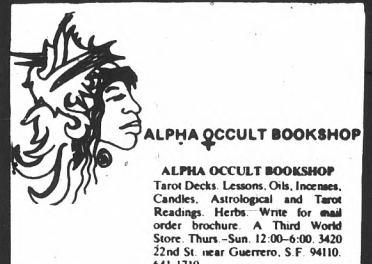
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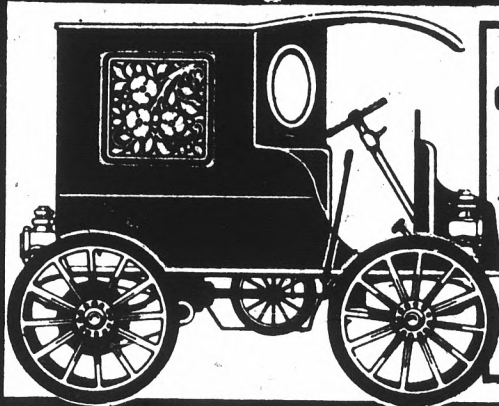
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Text by Steve Eoff

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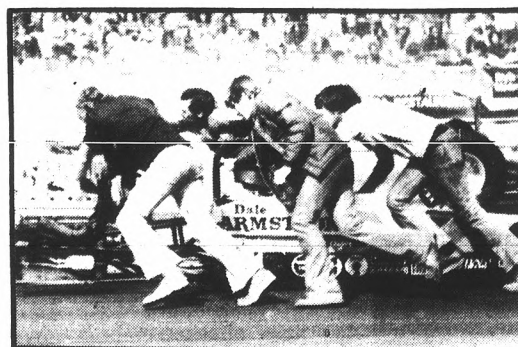
Depending on the fuel, the engine and the driver's reflexes, the trip takes from six to ten seconds. The speeds crossing the finish line range from 160 to 240 mph.

The fans sit at the start, relishing the noise and the smoke. The fans sit at the finish line, pulses pounding as the machines blur past with their drag-chutes swirling behind.

And all down the strip, the beer flows and the people scream.

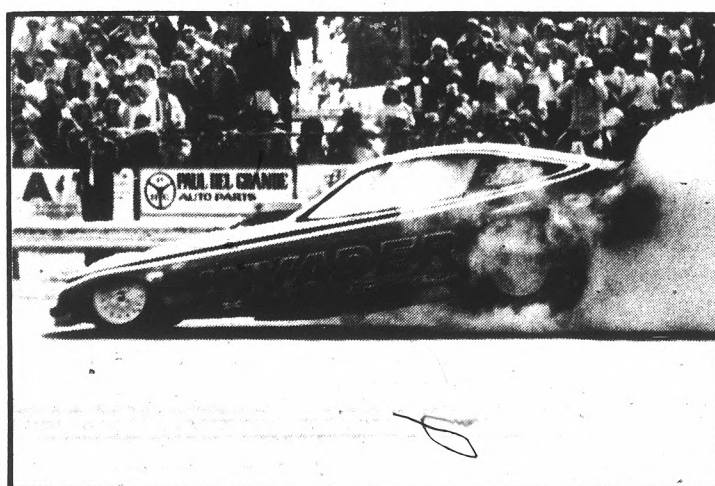


photos by Doug Menuez



The Winston World Record Challenge, which will feature all classes of National Hot Rod Association racing, opens for a three-day meet at Fremont Raceway, Sept. 28.

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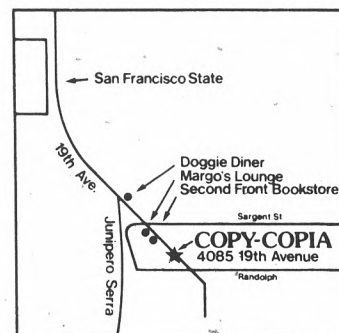
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Profs not offering answer to national 'stagflation'

by Kit Wagar

Recession — an economic condition known to topple governments and strike fear into the hearts of politicians and labor leaders — is upon us once again.

According to three SF State professors, the economic downturn is partly due to the indecisive and fluctuating policies made by the executive branch.

"The economy is floating down the River Styx and Carter is guarding the gate," said Dan Vencill, associate professor and former government economist in Washington.

John Gemello, also an associate professor, agreed less emphatically. "It appears the government hasn't taken a strong stand," he said. "They're letting the economy slide."

But just where or how far the economy will slide is uncertain. This year's sluggish performance officially became a recession when the United States' gross national product, the sum of all new goods and services produced in the country, fell for the second successive quarter.

The falling production, combined with inflation is called "stagflation," a situation never known before the 1960s. This is a particularly bad situation since, as Vencill said, "Macro-economic theory has no satisfactory solution to the problem."

"Programs to support the dollar and fight inflation further exacerbate the recession. Programs to ease the recession tend to rekindle the inflation," he said.

Programs of the latter type often include public works jobs since in most recessions the unemployment rate rises substantially. But according to the Department of Labor Statistics, the jobless rate for July was 5.7 percent, the same as it was in March. The comparable statistic for the Bay Area dropped from 5.5 percent to 5.2.

Chuck Gonzalez, a spokesman for the department, said that the August figures would probably be "somewhat" higher. "More than likely we will see the rate go up (over the next few months) but by what degree we don't know," he said.

A former research economist in Washington, John Huttman, predicted the unemployment rate will peak at 8 percent. "If there are no outbreaks of hostilities in strategic areas, such as the Middle East, nor any drastic increase in petroleum prices, then the likelihood is the recession will be mild," Huttman said.

But he is less sure about the government's ability to control inflation.

Saying the inflation rate could be lowered back to 8 percent within five years, he doubted much progress could

be made in the immediate future.

Huttman said that consumer demand has remained high throughout the downturn, mainly through the use of credit. This defers the "cooling-off" effect of the recession. And a continuing trend of this sort could make it very difficult to pay back these loans, thereby intensifying the recession.

Neither this recessionary nor an inflationary economy is conducive to saving, the ultimate source of all business investment funds. Low saving and government policies to keep interest rates high combine to slow replacement of the nation's capital stock, one of the root causes of inflation, said Huttman.

A lower level of production results from an antiquated stock of manufacturing equipment. Without as many goods on the market the cost of existing goods rises. Also, it makes U.S. firms less competitive on the international markets which hurts our economy further.

Huttman noted the level of saving in the U.S. has been significantly low in the past 15 years. Yet despite these fundamental problems, the three economists agree the recession should be a mild one, with few problems here in California.

The strength of certain sectors of the economy will provide stability until the economy as a whole recovers. Housing, a key industry because of its affect on industries which supply raw materials, will remain strong, said Gemello, because the "real" rate of interest (the rate charged minus the rate of inflation) is low. As long as people see housing as a hedge against inflation, Vencill added, they will buy houses instead of savings accounts.

"What this means is the price of housing will go through the roof, but people with money will still be buying," Vencill said.

Huttman and Vencill both said California will miss the brunt of the downturn. "California is pretty much recession-proofed," said Vencill. The Eastern states have higher wage rates so they are the first shutdown when business starts to decline. Also, less money goes to essentials in California — like heating oil — so there is more money left to spend on other things.

The large number of service industries in California which are not directly affected by a manufacturing slowdown further insulates the state's economy from the rest of the nation.

But a recession in the rest of the country will undoubtedly have some affect on California.

"It is possible this recession could be as bad as '74-'75, but I think it will be more spread out and less severe,"

Vencill said. "But each new recession seems to have some new quirk about it that isn't in the textbooks."

Gemello favors solving the problem by increasing the supply instead of the traditional theory of stimulating demand. He said the nation needs some of the "pathbreaking" ideas Carter espoused during his campaign three years ago.

"We need an increase in capital spending," Gemello said. "This could be accomplished through tax incentives to business. We need to increase information and training on the labor side. We should subsidize movements of the labor force to the areas where there is a shortage." He said these policies would cut unemployment while producing goods which help combat inflation.

"Times are more uncertain than ever," Huttman said. "It is an interesting time... we can't argue for blanket Keynesianism, nor for government intervention into the economy, nor letting the market take care of itself because all have proved themselves deficient."

Vencill said one of the biggest problems with current economic policies is that there doesn't seem to be any.

"This administration doesn't have any firm policies — not on the economy, the Mideast or energy. They have to make a firm commitment then stick to it through thick and thin," Vencill said.

He favors increasing capital depreciation to encourage investment, tax cuts on interest income to promote saving, encouraging public employment from people who would otherwise be receiving public assistance, selective income tax cuts, and relaxing pollution control standards.

"We're going to have to sacrifice some environmentalists in the process," he said.

"When unemployment hits 7.5 or 8 percent Carter is going to pump up the economy," Vencill predicted. He will try to stimulate the economy by cutting social security taxes and allowing business to depreciate equipment more rapidly, an action Vencill called "the old bromide which Carter will put into a bright new package."

Paul Volker, the head of the Federal Reserve Board, will resist these actions as being inflationary, according to Vencill. "Volker is no puppet," he said.

The result of these policies won't be felt until about a year later, Vencill said. "It will be like giving a race horse pep pills; before we can give the economy a urine test, Carter will be re-elected."

Activist Artists

"Art is a weapon in the coming storms of the '80s," is the philosophy of the Poster Brigade currently holding a show of revolutionary posters at the Student Union Depot.

The exhibition will run from September 4-20 and will feature current works of revolutionary art recalling the past struggles of Malcolm X, the International Hotel eviction and the recent Sandinista victory in Nicaragua.

"We see art as a tool to build a revolutionary consciousness in people to overthrow the oppressor and to control their own lives," said a Brigade artist.

The Poster Brigade attributes their unique style to the art of the Soviet Constructionists of the '20s, the romanticism of the Chinese Cultural Revolution and the more contemporary art of New Wave Rock. However, they feel that the message is more important than the medium which stems from Marxist/Maoist philosophies.

The focus of the Brigade posters is limited to working-class and minority communities.



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Summer session shines for third consecutive year

by Donald Freed

The summer is over, but for the pale-faced summer school student, the fall semester is a welcome relief.

While the well-tanned student, whose summer was filled with sun and fun may face the fall with a grimace, the summer school student is more likely to have a smile on his lips.

After trying to cram 14 weeks of material into six short weeks, the piling pace of the semester may seem like a vacation by comparison.

A smile also appears on the face of Gary W. Penders, summer sessions program director. His smile is due to a six percent enrollment increase over last year, marking the third consecutive year the program has upped its enrollment.

Penders attributes this increase to "one formal reason and three real ones."

The formal reason given by Penders is the work done by the faculty. "The program is really conducted by the faculty and they should get all the credit for its success. Each department decides what courses will be offered and who will teach them," said Penders.

The three "real" reasons stated by Penders are:

— The strong regular enrollment at S.F.S.U. Since the majority of summer school students are regularly enrolled students for the fall and spring, the summer sessions "live or die on regular enrollment."

— The passing of Proposition 13 forced many summer sessions to discontinue, including the program at S.F. City College. Many students came to S.F. State as their only alternative.

— The "increasingly sophisticated marketing techniques used to attract summer school students." Among these techniques cited by Penders is a bulletin that includes applications, information on all courses offered and a direct mail campaign of the bulletin in San Francisco and northern San Mateo County.

In addition to these factors, Penders also feels the cost (\$40 per unit) was very reasonable when compared to other programs. "Golden Gate University, which is our main competition, charges between \$70-\$80 per unit," Penders said.

The business department has shown the largest increase in enrollment, overtaking the education department, and is now far and away the largest contributor to the summer program.

According to Mike Albert, assistant professor of management, one reason for the increase is the business department's emphasis on providing high demand courses to students, rather than courses that may only draw five or six students. While these low enrollment courses may be needed, they are a drain on the limited resources of the summer program.

Other departments showing increases were the science, social sciences and humanities departments, while the education department continued to decline.

Including Continuing Education in the fall and spring, the total revenue of the Continuing Education program is approximately \$2 million, 75 percent of which is received in the summer.

For every dollar taken in, according to Penders, 65 cents goes toward teacher salaries, 10 cents for overhead and 25 cents to support the program.

The 10 cents overhead is paid to the State, the university and the chancellors office, for the use of State facilities. Continuing Education ends up with about one percent profit, Penders said this profit is set aside for contingencies (e.g. a loss in a subsequent year, or innovations in the program).

In an effort to provide more services to the summer school student, Penders was able to keep the library open later, which had been a problem in the past. Penders also developed a recreation program with the Physical Education department, and made Health Center services available to students willing to pay for them.

One problem area identified by students and recognized by Penders is the Student Union. This summer the Union closed its kitchens, by 3:00 p.m., which forced night students to rely on less than ideal machine food for sustenance during three and one-half hour classes. Penders hopes for better response from the Student Union next year.

Another area Penders would like to see improvement in is student feedback. "We don't have on demand scheduling," said Penders, "but we do have opportunities for student input."

According to Penders, the mechanism for students to make their desires known for next summer is through each department. The faculty decides in the fall which courses it will provide for the following summer, so now is the time to let them know. The schedule is decided by December 28, and the first month of the spring semester is the last time changes can be made.

Albert also recommends student input, but he feels a survey should be conducted, providing students with a list of available courses and possible times. Then, if a majority of students pick a specific course and time, it could be offered.

Either way, for the smiling student happy to finally be out of summer school, make your desires known, for summer is just around the corner.

Lunar eclipse

Did you not see it? That's no typo. The last total lunar eclipse to be visible in the country until July 6, 1982, occurred early this morning.

Unless you were cramming for the third day of school, chances are you didn't see the moon disappear between 2:18 and 5:30 a.m. Lunar eclipses occur only during a full moon and only when the planes of the orbit of the earth and moon coincide — then the earth casts a shadow covering the moon.

Graduate student grades inflate SF State GPA

by Rebecca Salner

Despite efforts to suppress grade inflation, recent statistics show that the most frequently given grade at SF State is an A.

This is "largely due to the high grades given to graduate students which are bringing up the school's overall GPA, measured at 2.88 according to the latest statistics."

During the fall of 1978, 48.1 percent of all graduate students received A's, while 26.8 percent of all undergraduates received that grade.

Ironically, the discrepancy between undergraduate and graduate grades may be a result of the tougher grading standards imposed at the graduate level.

The graduate division requires applicants to have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 once admission has been approved. These standards may be causing some instructors to be more lenient with their graduate students.

Donald M. Castleberry, dean of the Graduate Division, and Douglas Gallez, acting associate dean of the Graduate Division, both say instructors at the graduate level tend to regard a B not a C as designating adequate work.

"The grade spread for graduates is, in effect, A, B, or nothing," said Gallez. "A, B or I'm going to say that person is not qualified."

"If the graduate student is doing adequate work or better, he is going to get a B, because of the applicable standards of probation," said Gallez. "You

have a wider range of grades in undergraduate studies."

Castleberry said, "Some instructors are perhaps more reluctant to give C's at the graduate level because of the jeopardy to students."

"I think a graduate student should receive an F if he or she earned an F," he said. "But realistically, that's less likely in practice."

Larry Foster, associate dean for instructional planning said, "I think that a graduate student getting a B is being told, 'You're getting by, but you're not breaking any records.'"

"We have seen some evidence of departments granting at least B level grades to students throughout their graduate program," said Foster, "and when it comes to writing a thesis, the student can't do it. Why doesn't someone sit down with the student and tell him he is unsuitable?"

Castleberry believes grade inflation is a disservice to students. "Students can get an inflated impression of their own abilities," he said.

Grade inflation has been a problem for at least 10 years according to Castleberry, but he says he sees some "hopeful signs" that the trend is being reversed.

"Just as it came upon us rather slowly but persistently," said Castleberry, "it doesn't disappear overnight."

Gallez said, "Realistically, I think very little is being done about it. There has been considerable bemoaning and bawling but individual instructors who think in inflationary terms will

continue to do so.

"I suspect that there is a desire not to interfere with the instructor's prerogative to assign such grades as he or she considers appropriate," said Gallez. "In terms of mandating something, it is unrealistic and certainly undesirable to do so."

It appears there are some attempts being made to curb the problem of grade inflation. Castleberry believes that because the grades given by each school and instructor are a matter of public record, the element of publicity will have a healthy effect on grade inflation.

According to Richard Giardina, every semester the provost's office sends a report on faculty grading patterns to each school dean and the deans are expected to review any unusual patterns. Every dean is responsible for trying to keep grade inflation down on a semester-by-semester basis.

"We are constantly looking for grade inflation and trying to combat it," said Giardina.

A consistent trend of escalating grade inflation can lead to difficulties with accreditation associations, which raise questions when an institution's grades seem to be out of line.

According to Castleberry, SF State has never had any problems with the accreditation association regarding grade inflation.

He doesn't anticipate any problems in 1981, when renewal of accreditation is due.

"There is room for improvement," he said, "but we are in no jeopardy."

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New coach/director

Argo takes charge

By Ann Miller

Not much was asked of Kathy Argo when she was hired last May by SF State's Physical Education Department.

Her job duties merely included: the head coaching position for the volleyball team, the assistant coaching spot for the softball team, teaching, advising, organizational help for the Gators' National Youth Sports Program, and dealing with eligibility and budget problems and attending meetings involving women's athletics as the Acting Associate Athletic Director — and those duties can be expanded.

In her spare time, perhaps Christmas Eve, she can relax by recruiting players for next year.

Argo calls it a "light load."

"That's a very reasonable schedule," she says calmly. "I don't see any problems. If you could have just followed me around for a day or two at my last job..."

She has a point.

For the last six years at Illinois Wesleyan, a small private university, women's athletics was a "one-person program," namely Kathy Argo. She left mostly because she believed she had "outgrown the program." It must have been difficult.

Argo's title was Women's Athletic Director, a position she acquired her third year at Wesleyan after graduating from Montana State with a masters degree in P.E.

She was the only full-time faculty member to coach; specifically, volleyball and softball. She also dealt with budgeting, scheduling, advising, athletic governments and coordinated the intramural program.

Her full-time teaching load saw her instructing as many as six classes a semester, some of them theory courses as well as activity classes.

All of Argo's qualifications, and stamina, are a blessing for S.F. State, who first considered their new associate athletic director/volleyball coach for the head softball position.

"It was impossible to conduct a national search for the volleyball position," Athletic Director Bill Partlow said. "Coni Staff (last year's volleyball coach) didn't take her new position at Cal until May."

"We decided it would be better for the volleyball team to hire someone with experience for this year, with the understanding that the job would be advertised nationally for next year. We knew about Kathy through her softball application and she was very qualified for volleyball. We also assigned her the associate athletic director position because of her experience."

Partlow's explanation came as a relief to parts of the P.E. Department who had heard a variety of rumors at the end of last spring. A few of them were pretty discouraging, including the elimination of positions for the women's program.

Gooch Foster, the architect of the

women's athletic department at SF State and last year's associate athletic director and basketball coach, heard all the rumors on her way to her new position at Cal this fall as women's basketball coach.

"There were a lot of thoughts going around at the time," Foster said last week. "I don't know how many of them were actually serious."

"The volleyball position opened so late in the year the department was afraid they wouldn't have time to find good people. If they hadn't been able to find the right people it might have come down to eliminating positions. But they found Kathy and it didn't come down to it. The problem was the time factor."

By the time the Spring '79 semester ended, four of SF State's women's coaching spots were open — volleyball, basketball, softball and gymnastics. Hiring just one person to coach two of the sports became a possibility.

What the P.E. Department actually ended up with was an additional full-time position this year. Along with Argo, Emily Manwaring took over the basketball team. Joan Hann will coach gymnastics and Diane Kalliam, a part-time grad assistant last year, was rehired as softball coach and full-time faculty member after picking up her masters degree last summer.

"I like the way it has worked out," Argo, tall, with dark hair and bright eyes, says. "I enjoy administrative work."

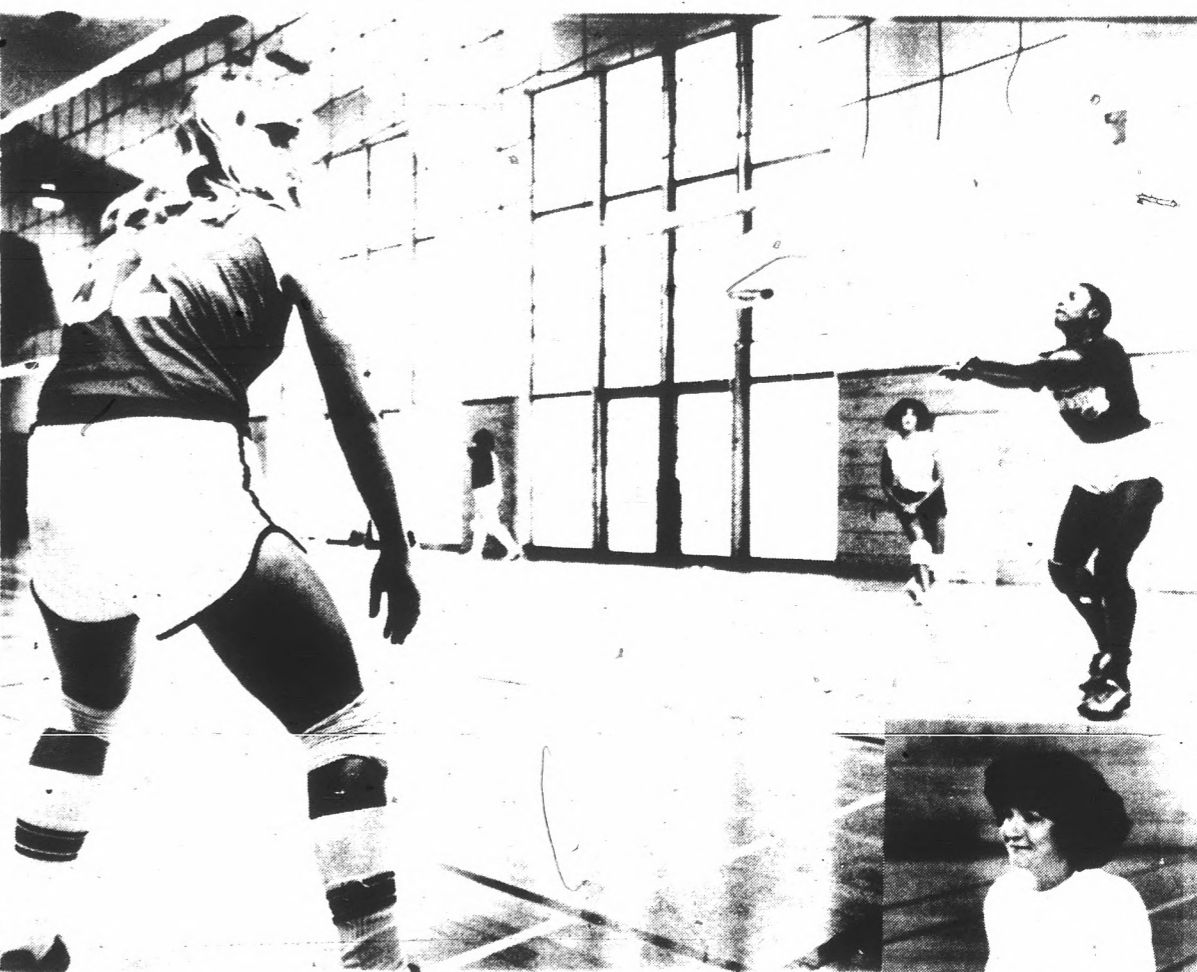


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Valerie Bell "bumps" during last weekend's volleyball tryouts while new coach Kathy Argo (inset) takes a moment to relax.

She also loves coaching volleyball. The pictures and gifts from past teams surrounding her desk show that and so does her expression when she anticipates the coming season.

The team began tryouts this past holiday weekend and will practice at least five and probably six days a week during the season.

Their first home match is September 18 against Santa Clara at 6 p.m.,

but a couple of scrimmages and a tournament at Davis will come first.

For the last three years, SF State has come within a final-match victory of going to the Regional Playoffs. Argo's experience, again, may be just what the team needs.

She pioneered Wesleyan's volleyball team and took them to the state tournament all four years they were eligi-

ble, placing third last year.

Argo should learn a little more about her team and their chances when she actually gets to know the players she's been hearing about. Hopefully, with the experience the returning Gators have, her job will be made a little easier. After all, off the court there is still quite a bit left to do.

Rowen expects better season

by Annette Jolin

Even after a dismal 1-9 season last year, hope springs eternal for San Francisco State football coach Vic Rowen.

Rowen, the gravel-voiced, gray-haired head coach of the Gators for the past 18 years, sports a roster of young players whose skills will be tested early during the 10-game season.

"We have a lot of fine young players who will be forced to mature early because of our tough schedule," said Rowen. "If we mature early, we'll be a contender."

Maturity is not the only problem the Gators face. Dan Priest, San Francisco State's outstanding senior running back, who rushed for 500 yards last season (with two broken hands, no less), is hurt again, this time with a leg injury. Whether or not he'll play at all this season won't be determined until next week.

Junior college transfers figure to play an important part in the Gators' overall success this season. Offensive guard Brad Barber from Santa Monica Junior College; tight end Tom Hall, Butte Jr. College; and running back Michael Brown from San Francisco City College will help shape the offense, while defensive back Rance Palmer, Chabot Jr. College; linebacker Andy Verdome, Long Beach City College; and defensive back Jeff Geyer from Walla Walla City College will add depth to the defensive squad.

San Francisco State's first game will be against Cal State Northridge September 8, and because of the

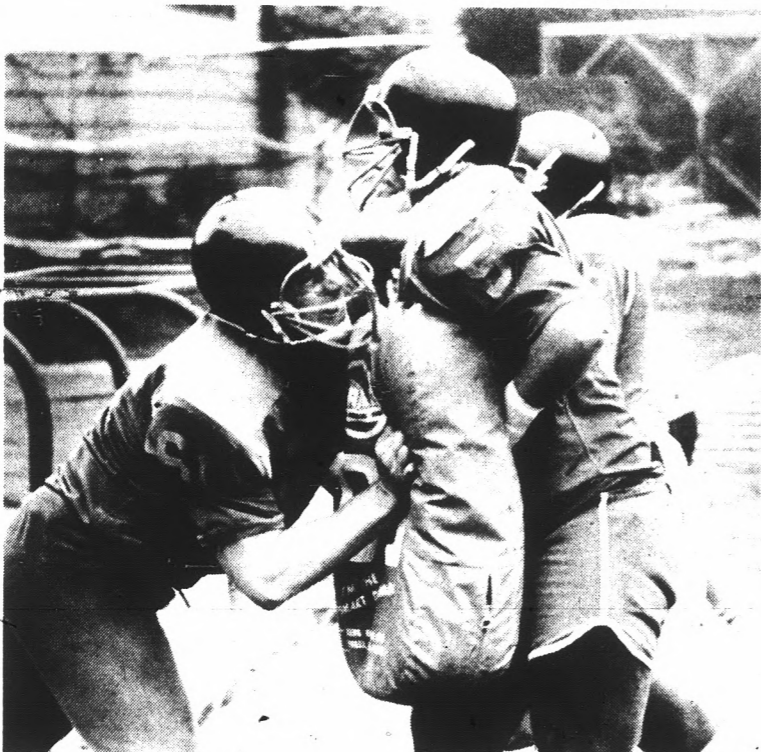


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A pre-season football practice — Gator style.

Matador's 27-0 thrashing of the Gators last year, Rowen anticipates a different strategy for this team this year.

"We will be throwing the football much more effectively against all our opponents this season," said Rowen. "We have two good quarterbacks in sophomore Ben Parodi and freshman Russell Jensen. Both are outstanding throwers and both are capable of starting."

And, with receivers like senior Carl

Crews, who led Gator receivers with 34 catches last year, and a healthy Dan Priest, the Gators should have a well-rounded and stable offense.

Defensively, the linebackers and the secondary are the Gators' core. Returning are Don Sutton, who as a freshman defensive back led the nation in interceptions last year with 10, and junior linebackers Chuck Werk and Joe Garrity.

Wanted: a slimy student

by Glenn Ow

Among the many new faces at SF State this semester will be one guaranteed to stand out — even in this city. The long-snouted, green complected visage of SF State's costumed gator mascot will make its campus debut within two weeks, promoting the school's athletic teams.

SF State's teams are known as the Gators, and if you didn't already know that, Sports Information Director Dirk Smith wants you to. So, armed with team pocket schedules and Gator Gum (a Fleer Gum Co. product with the taste of Gatorade soft drink), the costumed character will stalk the campus grounds encouraging fan support of school sports events.

Just who will be inside the nylon "skin" is still undecided.

"The only criteria are that the person be energetic, and of course, be able to fit into the costume," said Smith. "We've already had a few volunteers for the job."

The person most familiar with the costume is cheerleader Linda Braski, who has worn it for publicity photos. The 20-year-old P.E. major was also

the one who originally approached the Associated Students last year asking for the money to purchase the outfit.

The student government forked out the \$350, and Alinco, a Salt Lake City-based firm specializing in cos-

According to Smith, SF State is one of only three colleges in the nation who have the alligator as the team name. The University of Florida and Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., are the other two, said Smith.

"That's why we had to have it (the costume) custom-made," he said.

Because the material is nylon, the outfit will fit people of different dimensions. Still, unless you want a saggy, baggy gator, the person inside should probably be at least 5 feet 8 inches tall.

The gator's duties have not been fully determined yet.

"We still have to decide things like who can appear as the gator, and when, and where," Smith said.

So far, the only definite responsibilities are publicizing athletics on campus and appearing at SF State's home games. The rah-rah reptile will lead cheers and perhaps, a la the San Diego Chicken, engage in humorous antics.

A bit of advice: If you are approached by this fugitive from the swamp, accept the schedule and gum he offers you. One of the cheerleaders is making teeth for him.



Linda Braski's alter ego.

at times, delivered the custom-made garb late last spring.

"It's easy to move in," said Braski, "but you get very warm inside."

Soccer champs open season

Hoping to find a formula this year to lift them from the runner-up spot in the Western Region, SF State's soccer squad will travel to Santa Clara and the University of San Francisco this weekend to open their pre-season.

The Gators have won the far Western Conference championship the past

two seasons. But in the snow and cold of the Northwest, SF State has twice lost to Seattle-Pacific, last year's Division II champion, by identical 2-1 scores to end their season.

USF, the top college soccer team in the nation last year, will host the Gators Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The sea-

son opener Friday at Santa Clara, another Division I warm-up opponent, will be under the lights at 7:30.

Jack Hyde will take over the Gators' head coaching spot this year via Oakland Stompers and UC Berkeley coaching positions. Former SF State star Toby Rappolt will assist.



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